**D School life**

**Educational system**

Now, we will introduce high school life in Japan. First of all, let me talk about Japanese educational system.　In Japan students go to primary school for 6 years and junior high school for 3 years. When Japanese students graduate from their junior high school, they make decision whether they will go to senior high school or not. Actually, 98% of them enter senior high school.

Next let me talk about how to get school. How long do you think it takes to get to school? The answer is from 10 minutes to 2 hours. We use transportation such as bus, train, bicycle or we walk. Our school starts at 7: 35. We have to arrive at school and enter our classroom by that time. Student who lives far from school must get the 5:45 train. So we have to get up early! When we take trains, there are a lot of commuters. We must put ourselves into the crowded buses and trains in the morning rash hours.

**Time Table**

This is the time table in our class. The first class starts at seven thirty-five. In the morning we have 5 classes and study for fifty minutes per class. At twelve fifty we have lunch break. In the afternoon we have 2 or 3 classes. After school, some students go home or others stay at the school to study or join activities.

Next let me introduce a particular class. Now, question number 1. What is this class in the picture? Can you guess? This is World History class. We are learning Chinese history in this picture. I will introduce our lunch time. There are some ways to get the meal. One is bringing a lunch box. Our mothers cook them in the morning and we bring them to school. There are full of rice, meat, fish, vegetables and mother’s love. Another way is going to the school cafeteria. There is a popular menu among the students. That is NAMBAMMAKI which is a kind of sushi rolled by laver with fried chicken and mayonnaise.

**School Festival**

In our high school, the School Festival is held every year. This is a presentation which students made to introduce New Zealand. This is a ground stage. We show our original performances such as dancing and singing. We don’t have many opportunities to do this, so we are very excited! This year, we played an English drama *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Shall we go to Wonka’s marvelous factory? Let’s go! Many fantastic sweets are there! In the drama making we learned that nothing is impossible as long as you never give up.

**Club Activity**

Students belong to various club activities. Today I am going to introduce only some of them. This is our baseball club. They practice hard to play in KOHSHIEN Stadium, which is a dream of all high school baseball players in Japan. This is the soccer club. They are exercising heading. Soccer and baseball are the 2 most popular sports in Japan. This is the volleyball club. They practice in their original ways with various tools. This is the school brass band club. To hear their playing the musical instrument, you would think that they are professionals. This is Kyudo, Japanese fencing. They shoot an arrow at the target from 28 m far away. Is this fantastic? Kendo is a Japanese traditional sport. They use the swords made of bamboo. When they attack their opponent, they scream! “MEEEEEEN!” There are many club activities, for instance, basketball, swimming, tennis, table tennis, calligraphy, art, biology, chemistry , ESS and so on, but we cannot show you all of them. Anyway, we are really enjoying the club activities! So if you have time, join these activities